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SUBJ: FAREWELL CALL ON COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN SINDERMAN

1. I PAID A HALF-HOUR FAREWELL CALL SEPTEMBER 20 ON GDR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN HORST SINDERMAN. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS POSITIVE. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GRUNERT AND MFA DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WERNER KIEHNE AS WELL AS DCM POLANSKY WERE PRESENT.

2. SINDERMAN NOTED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE US WAS A "GRREAT EVENT" FOR THE GDR, A THEME TO WHICH HE ALLUDED LATER IN THE DISCUSSION SAYING THE US COULD NOT BE IGNORED, THAT IT DID NOT HELP THE GDR TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE US AS A GREAT COUNTRY AND THEREFORE THE GDR WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH US. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MY EFFORTS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, REFERRING IN PARTICULAR TO THE MATTER OF GRAIN "SHIPMENTS". IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID BEIL AND EXPERTS WERE READY TO TRAVEL TO THE US.

3. DURING THE DISCUSSION, SINDERMAN TOUCHED ON TWO AREAS: TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS. HE SAID THERE WAS STILL MUCH TO DO BY OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING TRADE RELATIONS, NOTING THAT THE LEGISLATION IN FORCE IN THE US WAS NOT WELCOMED BY THE GDR. THEREFORE THE GDR HAD TO EXPLORE OTHER WAYS OF DEVELOPING TRADE, I.E. WITH

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PRIVATE US COMPANIES. HE NOTED THE GDR HAD GOOD RELATIONS

WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES, WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, ADDING THAT THE MORE PROGRESS THEY MAKE IN THIS AREA, THE MORE RELATIONS WITH THE US IN GENERAL WILL DEVELOP. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD SURELY LEAD TO GOVERNMENT-LEVEL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE US AND THE GDR.

4. SINCE SINDERMANN NOTED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GRUNERT'S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE FOR A GDR ART EXHIBIT IN THE US, I TOOK THE OCCASION TO EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT SIMILAR US EXHIBITS AND CULTURAL EVENTS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE GDR AND LOOKED FORWARD TO PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. I ADDED THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD SHORTLY BE SPEAKING WITH APPROPRIATE GDR OFFICIALS ABOUT US PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION IN THIS AREA. SINDERMANN SAID THAT WOULD BE FINE, ADDING THAT IF EXPERTS GET TOGETHER HE WAS CONVINCED THERE WOULD BE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGES. HE SAID GDR EXPERTS WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE US EXHIBITS IN THE GDR.

5. SINDERMANN ALSO TOUCHED, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE, ON THE CONSULAR CONVENTION, NOTING ONLY THAT IT WAS A SUBJECT FOR CONTINUING DISCUSSION AND PERHAPS MANY MEETINGS FOR NEGOTIATION.

6. TOWARD THE END OF OUR DISCUSSION I NOTED AS A GENERAL OBSERVATION THAT COUNTRIES MUST SHOW RESTRAINT IN THEIR RELATIONS AND TAKE THE LONG VIEW. SINDERMANN AGREED, REPLYING THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES.

7. AS I LEFT, HE ASKED THAT I GIVE HIS GOOD WISHES TO DAVID ROCKEFELLER, HIS STATE GUEST LAST YEAR, AND PRESIDENT FORD.

8. COMMENT: THE CONVERSATION WITH SINDERMANN WENT PRETTY MUCH AS ANTICIPATED. GIVEN HIS INTEREST IN ECONOMICS AND TRADE, HIS BARB ABOUT US LEGISLATION WHICH THE GDR DID NOT LIKE WAS MILD AND I SAW NO PARTICULAR POINT IN DEBATING THE ISSUE, SINCE I HAD PRESENTED THE US POSITION ON PAST OCCASIONS TO GDR OFFICIALS. HE STRIKES ME AS A SMOOTH OPERATOR, AND ONE CONFIDENTIAL

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WHO, WHILE OUTWARDLY CHARMING, PLAYS HIS CARDS CLOSE TO HIS CHEST.COOPER

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